



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 8, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"With the passage of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in November 2004, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has been afforded the opportunity to expand and develop new and innovative programs to address the mental health needs of the community with special emphasis on unserved or underserved populations. Embedded within the Act is an emphasis on the development of 'grass-roots' agencies, which reflects the uniqueness of local communities; increased consumer and family involvement in service delivery; increased geographic proximity of services and support to the people they serve; and the expansion of culturally responsive programs.

"To fulfill the promise of MHSA, especially in light of the recent announcement of \$57 million Countywide for the Prevention and Early Intervention, Department of Mental Health, as mandated by MHSA, is looking to welcome many new organizations, especially those 'community-rooted' organizations. Thus it is critical that we take assertive action to properly support new agencies to become healthy and viable members of our mental health service delivery system. One of the most effective means of promoting this development is for DMH to actively facilitate 'capacity development' for both new/emerging and existing organizations AND encourage incubation so that meaningful collaborations with more 'established' service providers will be achieved.

"In November 15, 2005, I introduced a motion to incorporate provisions in future Request for Services (RFS) and Statement of Work (SOW) to encourage and ensure partnerships between 'large' and 'small' partners and to provide forward thinking strategies to increase and make more inclusive the pool of competent and eligible. Today I would like to build on my previous motion to direct the department to further this effort."

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Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Burke, and on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Director of Mental Health was instructed to:

1. Report back to the Board within 60 days regarding a program, pilot or otherwise, that seeks to accomplish the following:
 - Develop a plan to establish a training curriculum that would include, but is not limited to: executive management, board development, strategic planning, fiscal administration, contract and personnel administration, program development, information technology and clinical issues/quality improvement, which the curriculum would be available to both new and established organizations; and may be delivered in whole or in part by an organization that has demonstrated success in "incubation" and building capacity for the nonprofit sector;
 - Develop a targeted effort to: (a) identify those "established" mental health contractors who are interested in "incubation"/partnership; and (b) outreach to those interested emerging and existing organizations to inform them of opportunities for "incubation," capacity building, mentorship, and collaboration;
 - Establish eligibility criteria for incubating agency, subcontractor, and new providers in need of mentoring; and establish guidelines for appropriate pairing of incubator/partner, and graduation from the incubation relationship; and
2. Work with the Chief Executive Officer to identify funding that could be used for the implementation of these efforts including grant opportunities.

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